

SUPPORTING FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CONCURRENT DISORDERS



AN INFORMATION SESSION FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

The impact of concurrent disorders extends beyond the client to family members and significant others in many important ways. Often when family members seek help or support it relates to complex problems that are not being effectively addressed. Family members, themselves, can be very distressed under the weight of multiple demands of a loved one suffering from concurrent disorders and we know that the loyalty of family members and their ability and willingness to provide continuing social support can have decisive effects on recovery outcomes for people. This information session will describe a new researched-based approach to working with families using a 12-week support group approach with psycho-educational materials.

This information session will:

- Describe the impact of concurrent disorders on family members and significant others.
- Preview a new approach of working with families using a support group approach and psycho-educational materials.
- Report on the most recent research evaluation of this approach in two communities in Ontario.
- Provide an opportunity to discuss and to share information and experiences about the benefits and challenges of working with family members, and the needs and opportunities to provide improved services for families affected by co-occurring addiction and mental health problems.

Speakers:

- Carol Parker, MSW, Advance Practice Clinician, Addictions Program, CAMH
- Wayne Skinner, MSW, Deputy Clinical Director, Addictions Program, CAMH

Target Audience:

All addiction and mental health agencies and family support group providers

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Centre for Addiction and Mental Health,
33 Russell Street,
Meeting Centre (room 2029),
Toronto (near the intersection of College and Spadina)

Free of charge. Refreshments will be provided

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REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for this event
Registrations will be accepted by FAX or EMAIL.

This event will be followed by a Family Forum open to the general public at 7:00 pm at the same location.

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